



# 21 TACRON TIMES



## From the Captain's Desk

SPRING 2014

Blackjack Family and Friends,  
Wow! The Sailors of this command continue to excel and set the bar high. I am so grateful to be able to serve in the great squadron and in our great Navy!

The Sailors of Detachment ONE are as impressive as ever and stand ready to respond to our nation's tasking as they move about the forward theaters. They now are entering their fifth month of deployment with the only port all thus far being Lisbon when they entered the Mediterranean all too long ago. Thankfully, the Det OIC reports—and I and the SEL confirmed during our visit in May—that our Sailors stand proud and morale remains high.

Congratulations to our Senior Sailor of the Quarter, AC1 Toro; Junior Sailor of the Quarter, AC2 Dennler; and Blue Jacket of the Quarter, ACAN Debblay for the January-March 2014 Quarter!

The enlisted advancement results were released, and 10 Blackjacks made their next rank! Congrats and job well done to AC1 Laquinton Dunn, AC2 Benjamin Beltran, OS2 Keith Harris, AC2 Joshua Houck, AC2 Christopher M. Jones, AC2 Kevin LaCorte, IT2 Dominic Pera, AC2 Robert Thies, AC3 Clayton Saxton, and CS3 Ricky Chrysler!

Speaking of HUGE promotions, AC2 Kyle Richardson was selected for the Health Professions Scholarship Program and will be officially discharged as an AC2 on June 15th and then promptly commissioned as an Ensign. Congrats and best of luck as he starts his journey through medical school and on to becoming a Navy Doctor!

We had a great time at our Post-PRT picnic to celebrate the completion of that semi-annual hurdle. Thanks to all the Sailors and family who contributed to the good food and fun! The Blackjacks made it look way too easy this year with 100% passing the Physical Readiness Test and 9 Sailors earning the coveted title of "Iron Blackjack". To be an Iron Blackjack, the Sailor must score outstanding or maximum in each of the three events of push-ups, sit-ups, and the 1.5 mile run. Congrats to our newest Iron Blackjacks: LT Justin Dargan, AC1 Vanessa Anderson, AC2 Amelia Green, AC2 Kyle Richardson, AC2 Andrew Shipman, OS2 Tara Waugh, AC3 Evan Bostrom, and AC3 Sean Debblay!

I'd also like to recognize the following Sailors underway who have earned the following:

**Tactical Air Control Center Watch Officer (TACCWO):** CDR Smith, LCDR Joy, LCDR Rapin, LCDR French, LT Sales, LT Wiggins, ACC Byrd, OSC Williams

**Tactical Air Control Center Supervisor (TACCSUP):** AC2 Guilford, AC2 Hutcherson

**Tactical Air Director/Tactical Air Traffic Controller (TAD/TATC):** AC2 Hutcherson, AC2 Emmons, AC2 Shipman, AC2 Vicioso, AC2 C. M. Jones

**TACC or AATCC Stat Board:** AC1 Laquinton Dunn, AC2 Finks, AC2 C. M. Jones, AC3 Mills, AC3 Tiemstra, AC3 Bostrom

**Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (EAWS):** AC1 Toro, AC2 Nichols, AC2 Finks, AC2 Lacorte

**Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS):** AC1 Toro, AC2 Nichols, AC2 Hutcherson, IT2 Lee, YN2 Abreu, IS2 Lajiness



CDR William B. Bushman

Speaking of the Sailors on Detachment ONE, the Det has hung up the AMA-ZING Deployment Calendar in their work space. We need your input to make this successful as a morale booster for our loved ones. I need your letters/art/surprises by 19 June for all dates in July. Time to get creative and it would be a fun activity with the kids too now that they'll be out of school! Details on Page 3.

Don't forget to like us on Facebook! We use the page to help disseminate info, such as weather delays and closures. It's not the only way, but it's one of the ways!

Cheers,  
Billy Bushman

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## Senior Enlisted Corner

Greeting Blackjacks, family and friends! This is my final article for the TACRON 21 Times as SEL. ACCS Buehner has arrived and will be assuming SEL duties. I will still be a part of TACRON for the next 5 months but wanted to say Thank You to the family and friends for their support of these Sailors that help them be at their best.

Summer is officially here and that means our MWR has plenty of events for the upcoming months, so stay tuned for future announcements.

Congrats goes out to the Sailors that were recently promoted to their present rank: AC1 Dunn, AC2 Houck, AC2 Jones, AC2 Beltran, AC2 LaCorte, AC2 Thies, OS2 Harris, IT2 Pera, AC3 Saxton, and CS3 Chrysler



OSC David M. McElroy

## Resource of the Month

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. The mission of the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational, and other assistance to members of the Naval Services of the United States, eligible family members, and survivors when in need; and to receive and manage funds to administer these programs

The Society provides need based financial assistance to eligible recipients in the form of:

- Interest-free loans and grants
- Scholarships and interest-free loans for education.

In addition, the Society offers the following services: Financial Counseling, Budget for Baby Workshops, Thrift Shops, and Visiting Nurse Services.

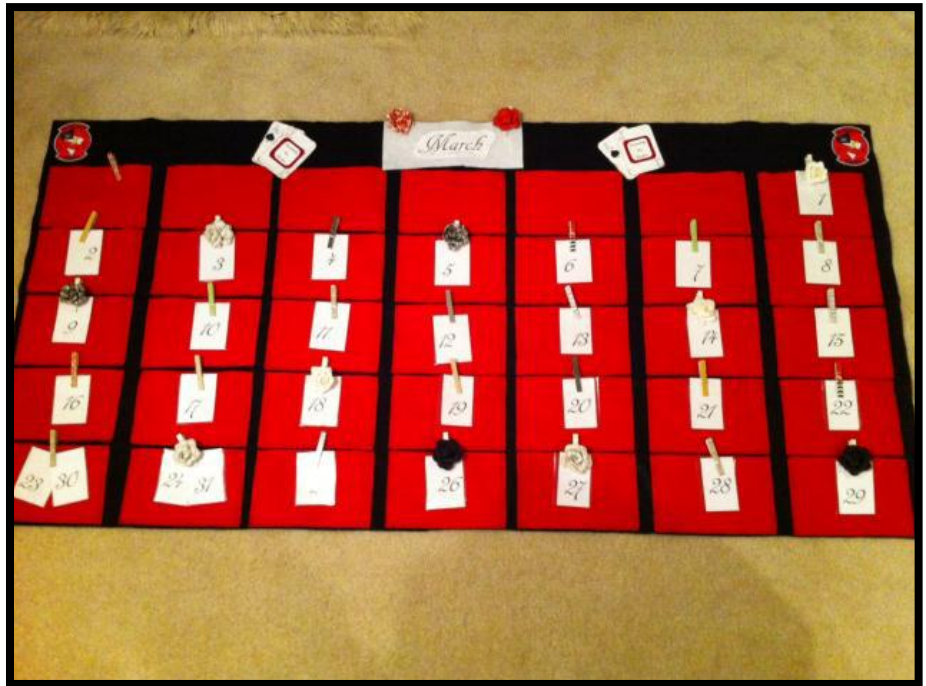
The Little Creek NMCRS office can be contacted at (757) 462-1596 or check out the society's website at [www.nmcrs.org](http://www.nmcrs.org).

Thank you for all that you do in support of TACRON 21 and our great Navy. Be safe.

Blackjack Family & Friends,

It's summertime and the kids will be out of school soon so how about a special art project for Mommy or Daddy? I need all of your support to make this a fun way for our Sailors to look forward on deployment.

I am asking you to send pictures and letters, notes, art work, or small surprises for a particular day in each month for your Blackjack Sailor on deployment. This is a fun way to recognize special days in your relationship and family or "just because" days. This is a great morale booster, especially when the Sailor knows there's something he or she can open but has to wait until that day to open it! It's something to look forward to and we can all appreciate that!



Here's how it works: Each red rectangle is a pocket for that particular day of the month. You can send a small photo that can be clipped to the outside of the pocket or send an envelope that can be inserted into the pocket for the date you choose. Just put your Sailor's name and the date you want your Sailor to open it on the outside of the envelope or on the back of the photo!

Please drop off your stuff here at T-111 or get it to another Sailor to bring in, or we can set something else up if you contact me or OSC McElroy. Of course, you can always mail it directly to the ship addressed to your Sailor but be sure to put the calendar stuff in a separate envelope labeled "FOR THE COMMAND CALENDAR" so your Sailor doesn't open it early!

This is a lot of fun and hold special meaning for the Sailors. Feel free to send a note or letter or funny anecdote for the single Sailors too.

Future Collection Due Dates:

19 June: July 2014 Calendar Dates

10 July: August 2014 Calendar Dates

5 August: September and October 2014 Calendar Dates

Thanks for all you do on the homefront!

Very respectfully,  
CDR Billy Bushman

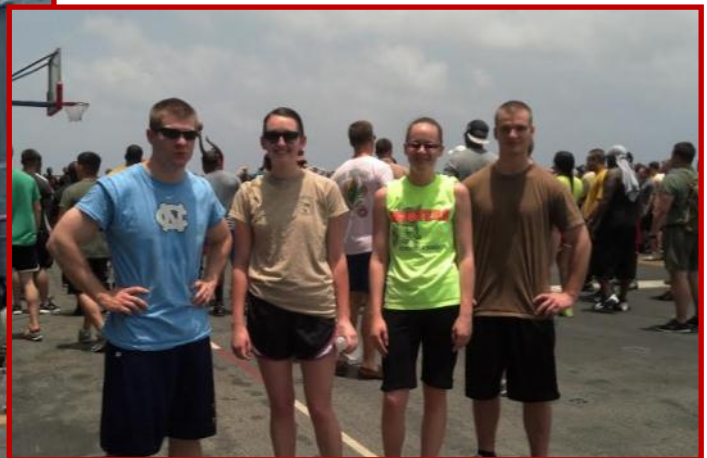
# *Liberty Call, Liberty Call!* **Lisbon, Portugal**

DET 1 currently aboard the USS BATAAN make their first and so far their only port visit. Sailors hit the town of Lisbon to enjoy some sightseeing and to try the local cuisine.

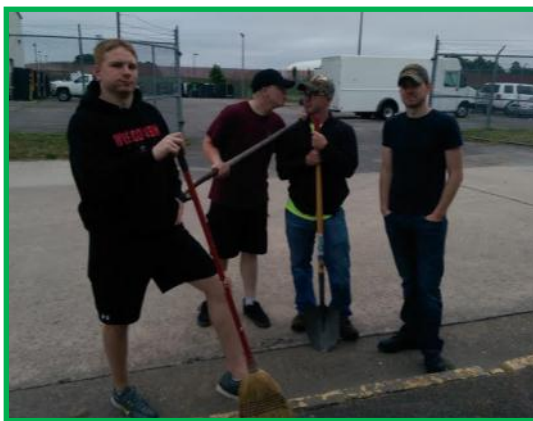


## *Steel Beach Picnic – USS BATAAN*

Sailors onboard the USS BATAAN get a break from their daily routine with a picnic and games on the flight deck.



# Base PRIDE!

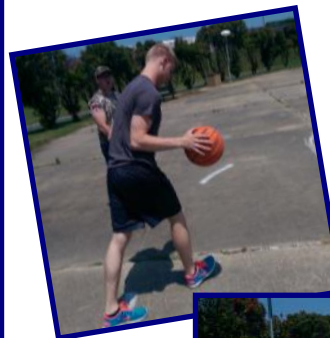


On Friday June 30th, TACRON Sailors participated in the annual Base Cleanup Day as they took a few hours out of their day to spruce up around Bldg T-111.

# POST PRT PICNIC!



*Pie in the face!*



Upon completion of the Spring Physical Readiness Test, Sailors enjoy a well deserved BBQ before the Memorial Day Weekend. AC2 Richardson, AC1 Anderson, and YN1 Falls “won” a pie in the face which raised money for our Morale, Welfare, and Recreation.

# PROCKING CEREMONY *Congratulations!*



Results from March advancement exams were released. 10 Sailors were advanced to the next rank. From top left to bottom right: AC2 Thies, OS2 Harris, AC2 Beltran, AC2 Houck, and AC3 Saxton. Those currently deployed aboard USS BATAAN that were advanced were AC1 Dunn, IT2 Pera, AC2 Jones, AC2 LaCorte and CS3 Chrysler

# Blackjacks on the MOVE!



# Welcome baby DARIUS!



Congratulations to OS3 Shaundashia Tige and her husband BMSN Michael Tige (currently on deployment aboard Mesa Verde) as they welcome the newest member of the TACRON family, Darius, on April 12. He weighed in at 7 lb 2 oz.

# Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities!!!



*Family and Friends are invited to join their TACRON TWO ONE Sailors as they volunteer during the current Norfolk Tides baseball season. Enjoy the outdoors and catch a baseball game for free while assisting in raising funds for TACRON's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR)*

# Coming Soon!!



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**BRAVO ZULU\***

AC1 (AW) Toro - Senior Sailor of the Quarter  
AC2 (AW/SW) Dennler - Junior Sailor of the  
Quarter

ACAN Debblay - Bluejacket of the Quarter

\*Bravo Zulu a military term for a job well done

**Welcome to the Blackjack Family:**

LCDR Dewey, LT Houghton, ACCS Beuhner, ACAR Ruley and OSSR Sharp.

**Best Wishes to the following family members as they depart TACRON 21 and move on to future endeavors:**

LCDR Miller, OSC Kennedy, AC1 Adkins, AC2 Norris, OS2 Vanlandingham, AC2 Richardson.

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**IT2 Pera**

**AC3 Mills**

**OS3 Tige**

**Happy Birthday to the following Shipmates:**

**April :** LCDR Johnson, AC1 Anderson, AC2 Emmons, AC2 Huffman, AC2 Hutcherson, OS2 Laginess

**May :** Capt Love, LT Dargan, ACC Trammell, OSC Williams, IT2 Doerfler, OS2 Harris, IT2 Pera, IS2 Ritchie, OS2 Vanlandingham, CS3 Chrysler, OS3 Martinez, OS3 Tige, AC3 Tiemstra, YN3 Ballard

**June:** CDR Smith, LCDR Kesler, AC2 Thies, OS3 Heuring, ACAN Debblay

